



Supreme Court of Illinois

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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT APPOINTS GIGANTI AS CIRCUIT JUDGE IN SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Justice Rita B. Garman and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Adam Giganti as an At Large Circuit Judge in the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

Mr. Giganti is being appointed to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Judge John Schmidt on December 19, 2017. Judge Schmidt had been an At Large Circuit Judge in the Seventh Circuit since 2012.

The appointment of Mr. Giganti takes effect on June 1, 2018, and will conclude on the first Monday in December following the November 2020 general election

"Adam has extensive experience in both the civil and criminal areas and he's well prepared to meet the demands and expectations of the position," Justice Garman said. "He was found to be well qualified by the screening committee and the Court and I agree that he is an excellent choice."

Justice Garman recommended the appointment to the full Court following a review of applicants by a seven-person screening committee consisting of four non-lawyers and three lawyers who reside in the Seventh Judicial Circuit. The nonlawyer members of the committee were Michael Aiello, Jennifer Gill, Douglas E. King, and Catie Sheehan, all of Springfield. The lawyer members of the committee included Jennifer Hammer, Jeffery Wilday, and Peggy Ryan, all of Springfield.

"I am honored to be selected, especially to fill the spot left vacant by Judge Schmidt. He was a very good friend and an incredible judge," Giganti said. "I would like to thank Justice Garman and the Court for instilling their confidence in me. I'm looking forward to getting started and hitting the ground running."

Mr. Giganti has practiced law for 28 years and has served as a partner at several firms, most recently with Stratton, Moran, Giganti, Reichert, Sronce & Appleton. Prior to moving to private practice, Mr. Giganti had served as an Assistant Public Defender and as City Attorney for the cities of Ashland, Athens and Virginia.

Mr. Giganti earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and his *Juris Doctorate* from the Saint Louis University School of Law.

His professional associations include the Illinois State Bar Association and the Sangamon County Bar Association, with Mr. Giganti serving as a past president for the Sangamon County Bar Association.

The Seventh Judicial Circuit encompasses six counties: Jersey, Macoupin, Greene, Scott, Morgan, and Sangamon.

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